

IN THE CLAIMS:

1–44 (Cancelled)

45. (New) A system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users comprising:

means for Internet access;

a meeting environment;

means for allowing mitigation of a set of protocol rules within said meeting environment; and

an object based client-server architecture functionally supporting said meeting environment and said means for allowing mitigation of said set of protocol rules by virtue of said set of application interfaces which allow communication between said means for allowing mitigation of said set of protocol rules and said meeting environment, wherein said set of protocol rules is based on Robert's Rules of Order and is created by a colored petri net.

46. (New) The system for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration

among users according to claim 45 further comprising:

- a meeting registration function;
- a meeting call to order function;
- a meeting list;
- a meeting floor;
- a means to control said meeting floor;
- a means to make motions; and
- an adjournment function.

47. (New) A method for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among

users, comprising the steps of:

- accessing an electronic environment supported by an object based client-server architecture;
- communicating through said electronic environment supported by said object based client-server architecture; and
- applying a set of protocol rules within said electronic environment by virtue of said object based client-server architecture,
- wherein said set of protocol rules is based on Robert's Rules of Order and is created by a colored petri net.

48. (New) A method for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among

users, comprising the steps of:

accessing an electronic environment supported by an object based client-server architecture; communicating through said electronic environment supported by said object based client-server architecture; and applying a set of protocol rules within said electronic environment by virtue of said object based client-server architecture, wherein said object based client-server architecture comprises a collaboration server, a collaboration client, a domain server, and a set of middleware components, wherein said set of protocol rules is based on Robert's Rules of Order and is created by a colored petri net.

49. (New) The method for providing and monitoring electronic collaboration among users according to claim 48 further comprising:

- a meeting registration function;
- a meeting call to order function;
- a meeting list;
- a meeting floor;
- a means to control said meeting floor;
- a means to make motions; and
- an adjournment function.